

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please delete the abstract and replace it with the abstract submitted herewith.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend the Drawing Figures 5-7, as submitted herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 4, 6 and 9-11, as below.

Add new claims 12 and 13, as below.

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4. (Once Amended). The lawnmower of claim 3, wherein said blade assemblies include first, second and third blade assemblies, with said second blade assembly intermediate said first and third blade assemblies, said first and third blade assemblies situated along a first plane and said second blade assembly situated along a second plane, said first and second planes substantially parallel to each other.

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6. (Twice Amended). A lawnmower blade assembly comprising:
a shaft in rotatable communication with a motor, said shaft in communication with a stub;
a blade;
a receiver, said receiver coupled to said blade and including members for receiving said stub and retaining said stub in said receiver in a releasable engagement;
said shaft, stub, blade and receiver are configured to be in coaxial alignment, such that said blade is balanced upon rotation.

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9. (Twice Amended). A lawnmower blade assembly comprising:
a shaft in rotatable communication with a motor;
a stub in communication with said shaft;
a blade; and
a receiver coupled to said blade, said receiver including a receiving portion and at least a plurality of flexible members configured for moving between

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outward and inward positions for engaging and retaining said stub in said receiving portion in a releasable engagement, said flexible members including ends and configured such that pressure on said ends moves said flexible members outward, allowing for at least the disengagement of said blade from said stub.

10. (Twice Amended). The blade assembly of claim 9, wherein said shaft, stub, blade and receiver are configured to be in coaxial alignment, such that said blade is balanced upon rotation.

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11. (Once Amended). The blade assembly of claim 10, wherein said stub includes an outer surface and said receiving portion includes an inner surface, said outer and said inner surfaces correspondingly configured with respect to each other for allowing a sufficient but minimal amount of rotational play for said blade.

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12. (New). A lawnmower blade comprising:
a blade body including oppositely disposed cutting portions and a platform intermediate said oppositely disposed cutting portions; and
a receiver, said receiver coupled to said platform in a substantially coaxial alignment, said receiver including flexible members for moving between outward and inward positions for receiving and retaining at least a portion of a rotatable member in communication with a motor in a releasable engagement, said receiver configured to receive and retain said rotatable member in a substantially coaxial alignment therewith, such that said lawnmower blade is balanced upon rotation.

13. (New). The lawnmower blade of claim 12, wherein said flexible members include bodies configured for spring-like behavior.

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